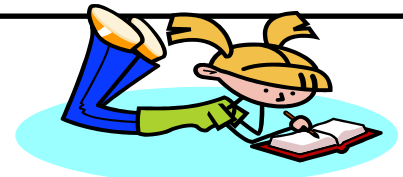




Stitchers Quilt Guild Newsletter

A HARDIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HOMEMAKER CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2009



NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday,
Sep 30th, 2009**

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Hardin County Extension
Office — Auditorium

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President's Letter

Thanks to everyone who helped with our August meeting. We had a large turnout, lots to talk about and even more quilts to share. And as usual, the refreshments were just right.

We introduced several new members. Please make a point to welcome them.

I went out on a limb at this meeting and showed my 'country' side (if you can call mid-Michigan country!), talking about paper and foundation piecing. My recollection of using butcher paper and news print 50-some years ago to make templates and foundations got me in a bit of hot water. Turns out we poor country folk didn't know what we were doing, or at the very least didn't know what it was called. Maybe one of those little old ladies I started quilting with went to England, stole their ideas, brought it back to mid-Michigan and forgot to give the English credit. Whew! What was my mother thinking, allowing me to associate with such people? Sadly, not a single one of those dear souls thought to write a book (or create a web-site) recording the quilting history of their community. Guess they were too busy. Imagine the controversy if one of them had written that she remembered the day in the late 1800's when her grandmother came up with the idea to cut shapes from paper, wrap them in cloth and then sew them together. Seriously, could a country quilter have actually come up with that on her own?

The one thing I hope you gather from the preceding paragraph is "there is nothing new under the sun" - just new people using it and fine-tuning it. Who invented what, who had the foresight to give it a name and who wrote a book claiming this or that, isn't important unless you're trying to make money from it. What does matter though, is that we have the privilege of doing recreationally, under ideal circumstances, what others did out of necessity, with clumsy tools, in bad light and with bits and scraps of fabric. Be thankful - and keep on quilting.

We have space for several more people at the fall retreat. The balance is due at the September meeting. If you can only join us during the day, please do; just let us know so we can have enough tables set up.

Gotta go - the quilt show is next week and I still have bindings to do. See you in on the 30th. Bring a quilt and bring a friend. Brenda

"Ask not what your fabric can do for you, but what you can do for your fabric" Author Unkown

Jelly Bargelly Workshop

October 10th, 9am – 4pm

Brenda Arnett

Fabric Requirements – 51 Jelly Roll Strips or 1/3 yd. of 17 fabrics or 17 Fat Quarters
1/2 yd – Inner Border
62 – 5 inch charm squares or 1-1/4 yd – Outer Border

Quilt Size – 56" x 81"

If Using Jelly Rolls, Prepare As Follows:

Unroll jelly roll strips, mist them with water or spray with spray sizing and iron dry. Check width of the strips. Trim any that are wider than 2-1/2". Mark narrow strips for special attention to be paid in the seam allowance. Arrange 17 strips in color order of your choice. Make 2 more strip sets of 17 keeping the color order the same as the first one making a total of 3 strip sets. Cut strips in half to measure 2-1/2 x 21" and divide into 6 sets of 17 fabrics. It is easier to keep the sets straight during sewing and pressing when using the shorter lengths of fabric.

If Using 1/3 Yd. Cuts:

Cut each of the 17 fabrics into (3) 2-1/2 x WOF (width of fabric) strips, then cut each strip in half.

If Using Fat Quarters:

Cut (6) 2-1/2 x 21" strips from each fat quarter.

Stitchers Round Robin 2009-2010

Rotations take place in July, Aug, Oct, Jan, Mar and May.

If you are participating you have this month and next to continue working. Bring your box back to the October meeting so that it can be rotated again.

If you have any questions, or need any assistance, please contact Patty Pruitt who is coordinating the Round Robin at: gypsyquilter7@yahoo.com or 307-2226.

Patriotic Blocks

We are requesting everyone to make and donate patriotic blocks that are unfinished at 12-1/2 inches. Your name will go in a drawing that will be held at the December meeting for a chance to win \$50.00. Your name gets entered everytime you donate a block. The blocks will then be put in quilts that will be donated to the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Knox.

Go to the listed website and lets make some of these blocks this month. It is an easy paper-pieced star. Make the center star red, the background white and the outside edge blue.

<http://www.quilterscache.com/B/BuckeyeBeautyBlock.html>

CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT

Hardin County Extension Office

Wednesday, Sept 30th

Registration of entries
10 am to 11 am

Exhibit/Viewing
12:30 pm to 3 pm

Pick up entries 3 – 4 pm

FEATURED STITCHER:

MAXINE WARNSHUIS

Hi! I have been a member of the Stitchers for about five years. Liz Kingsland invited me to a meeting and I was hooked. I had been a member of the Homemakers for many years but had never considered joining a quilt club until that night.

I have sewed most of my life. I lived in a household for many years with three women, my Mother, Grandmother and Aunt Florence. All of them sewed so I guess sewing was bred into me. I learned on my Mother's Singer treadle machine. I got my first machine when my husband and I were stationed in Germany in the early 1960's.

For many years I sewed clothing and decorative items but never quilts. I tried a little quilting but didn't know what I was doing. (Still don't sometimes). Then in 1985 my husband retired from the Army and we decided to settle in Kentucky. Besides sewing I had cross stitched for years, so I frequented the Cross Stitchery in Vine Grove. I got to know the owner, Jeanne Knightly, and went to work for her when she opened a second shop in E-town. Besides the cross stitch, Jeanne also taught quilting. I took her class, a sampler wall hanging. It was all hand pieced and quilted. Well, I liked the concept just not all the hand work. After that I did some machine piecing but was never very good at hand quilting.

Getting involved with the Stitchers has been the greatest. I have really gotten inspired by all the members and the great work they do. I love doing smaller projects that can be used for holidays or as part of the décor in the home. I have begun to do more large projects since I have found some great long arm quilters in the club.

I love nothing better than seeing a project come together. From picking out the fabric, cutting and sewing, I love all the steps to making a quilted piece. I'm not real adventurous though, I'm very much a traditionalist. I tend to use a lot of red and blue. That probably has something to do with the military background. I swore when my husband retired I would never use green or gold in our house.

You all are an inspiration to my quilting. I love seeing all you do and you amaze me with your talents.

Happy Stitching! Maxine

Featured Stitcher for October is Debbie McQueary



REFRESHMENT LIST

Please bring cups, plates & napkins for the drinks/snacks you're providing. These are not supplied by the Extension Office. If you can't attend the meeting that you've signed up for, please find a substitute.

SEPTEMBER

Maxine Wainshuis, Sharon Lutz
Ilse Commenzind

OCTOBER

Eleanor Savko, Mary Lois Hill
Whitney Antique
Lorraine Linton

Meeting Projects & Upcoming Activities

SEPTEMBER Meeting

- ♥ Showcase of Quilts - Leaves of Quilts
- ♥ Fat Quarter Swap - Fall Leaves
- ♥ AQS Book Order Info

OCTOBER Meeting

- ♥ Applique Demos
- ♥ Applique on Quilts Showcase
- ♥ Book Orders Due
- ♥ Round Robin Due

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♥ Oct 9th—5-10

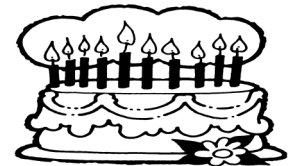
Patriotic Foundation Blocks

- ♥ Oct 10th—"Bargello

Workshop" Brenda Arnett

- ♥ Oct 22-25

Retreat at Loucon



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

& Many More Quilts To Go!

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:

Carolyn Jones — Sep 13th
Jessica Robbins — Sep 25th
Susan Byers — Oct 1st
Kelly Pruitt — Oct 7th
Joleen Filler — Oct 13th
Judy Applegate — Oct 18th
Kristen Otte — Oct 19th

Loucon Retreat Info

Bring your own bedding, including pillow, for a queen size bed, and the usual personal items. Our building will have coffee and cups, refrigerator and microwave . The guild will provide beverages. You may want to bring your favorite snack and your own power cord and work light.

2009 FEATURED STITCHERS

Jan – Cammie Brown	Jul – Sharon Whitfield
Feb – Sarepta Phillippi	Aug – Brenda Edwards
Mar –	Sep – Maxine Warnshuis
Apr – Marleny Duque	Oct – Debbie McQueary
May – Kristen Otte	Nov – Suzanne Shircliff
Jun – Frances Heinen	Dec – Kathy Goodman

EARLY MEETING NIGHT – SEPT 30TH

Arrive at 5pm this meeting night if you want to learn to use Thangles and triangles on a roll. Bring your machine and basic sewing supplies. Patty Pruitt will show you some of her rotary cutting wizardry, Kathy Conway will show you just how to use Thangles. We will be using red, white and blue colors the guild will supply for Warrior Transistion Quilts. We want to get as many blocks for the Warrior Transistion Unit out of everyone as we can!!

Learn Foundation Piecing with scraps.

9 Oct Workshop, 5pm – 10pm, Project Room

Bring all of your red, white, blue and beige patriotic scraps. No fire crackers. We will put them in a big pile and grab from there! Bring your machine and basic sewing supplies and any drinks or snacks you would like. You will learn how to foundation piece scraps to make a beautiful lap quilt. However , we will put it all together Friday night. Learn the technique, make a Wounded Warrior Quilt. The rest of you gals, just come and join us to work on all the quilts and get them ready for the December giveaway. What a great way to use up your scraps ladies.

*If you are taking the Bargello class on the 10th you can leave your things overnight.



Featured Stitcher for August Brenda Edwards shows her mystery quilt and English paper-pieced Grandmothers flower garden.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH
from
Stitchers July Potluck

All American Pasta Salad
(Eileen and Jessica Robbins)

6 cups (16oz) uncooked rotini divided into 3 batches
 1-1/2 tsp red food coloring 1-1/2 tsp blue food coloring
 1 bottle (8oz) Italian salad dressing
 4 Tbls salad seasoning (Mrs. Dash)
 5 cups assorted raw vegetables (e.g., tomatoes, carrots cucumbers,
 broccoli, onions)

Bring 2 cups water to a boil. Add red food color and 1 cup dry pasta.
 Cook according to package directions. Rinse under cold water to stop
 cooking and drain well. Repeat with 2 cups of fresh water and blue
 food color and 1 cup pasta. Repeat with 8 cups of fresh water and 4
 cups pasta. Place pasta in a large bowl, add dressing and seasoning and
 toss. Cut vegetables into bite size pieces. Add vegetables to pasta and
 mix gently. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours.



Just a reminder
 that the Warrior
 Transition Unit
 will be so happy
 to receive more
 patriotic quilts
 to giveaway
 during their
 Christmas
 Party. Please
 contribute.

What a great show and
 tell last month. There
 were so many quilts to
 see.

Brenda Arnett shows
 one of her quilts that
 will be displayed at the
 quilt show.

Keep bringing those
 quilts in. We love to
 see them.



NAME TAGS

Remember to wear those quilted
 name tags to not only help new
 members and old remember your
 name but for a chance to win a FQ.
 There is also a 25 cent fine for not
 wearing them.

Treasurer's Report

Sep 2009

Balance Brought Forward.....\$4409.16

INCOME

Name Tag Fines.....1.75
 Opportunity Quilt.....90.00
 New Membership.....44.00
 Retreat Deposits.....656.00

Total Income..... \$791.75

EXPENSES

Homemaker Dues.....20.00
 Club Pins.....344.00
 Door Prizes.....10.00

Total Expenditures.....\$374.00

Ending Balance.....\$4826.91

Submitted by: Kathy Goodman
 Treasurer

Volunteer Hours Worksheet

These were passed out at
 the last meeting. Please
 keep track . Don't forget
 the hours you volunteer at
 the quilt show count.
 Keep adding them up.

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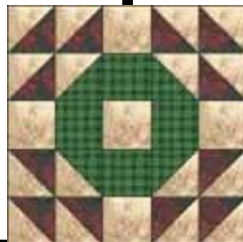


SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Leaves of Quilts
Showcase

FQ Swap—Fall Leaves

QUILT SHOW!!!



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Applique Demos

Book Orders Due

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Workshop**

Round Robin